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TAGS: OTRA (RABBI ROSEN), RO, SWEL, EAID  
SUBJ: VISIT OF RABBI ROSEN  
REF: BUCHAREST 1508

1. CHIEF RABBI ROSEN WILL BE IN STATES APRIL 12-20 AND HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SEEING YOU. HIS TRIP HAD BEEN SCHEDULED BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE BUT MAIN PURPOSE NOW WILL BE TO TALK WITH LEADERS OF AMERICAN JEWISH GROUPS ABOUT EARTHQUAKE RELIEF. HE WILL DEFINITELY BE MEETING WITH RABBI SCHINDLER AND WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF JOINT AND B'NAI B'RITH. FROM HIS STANDPOINT MONDAY, APRIL 18 WILL BE MOST CONVENIENT. HE CAN BE REACHED AT HOTEL BELMONT IN NEW YORK BUT MAY ALSO CALL YOUR OFFICE TO PIN DOWN POSSIBILITY OF APPOINTMENT.
2. HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN AT THE MOMENT HAS TO DO WITH GOR'S REVOKING BUILDING PERMIT THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN LAST YEAR FOR HOME FOR ELDERLY MEMBERS OF JEWISH COMMUNITY. THE HOME WAS BEING FINANCED IN SIGNIFICANT PART BY JOINT AND SCHEDULED TO GO INTO OPERATION IN LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL. REASON FOR RENOVATION AS CONVEYED TO ROSEN BY ANDREI AND BOBU WAS THAT LOCATION NEEDED BECAUSE

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OF CHANGES IN TOWN PLANNING REQUIRED AS AFTERMATH OF EARTHQUAKE. ROSEN HAS BEEN OFFERED ALTERNATIVE SITE BUT HAS REFUSED. HE ALSO SAYS HE REFUSED TO SEE CEAUSESCU SINCE IT WAS CEAUSESCU WHO ORIGINALLY APPROVED BUILDING PERMIT. ROSEN HAS NOW MADE HIS OPPOSITION KNOWN IN FORMAL LETTER TO CEAUSESCU AND BASED IT AMONG OTHER REASONS ON LOCATION OF CEMETERY

ON THE SAME PLOT OF GROUND AND ON NEGATIVE EFFECTS  
CHANGE OF PLANS WILL HAVE ON JOINT AND THE INTER-  
NATIONAL JEWISH COMMUNITY. HE IS SCHEDULED TO SEE  
ANDRI AGAIN BEFORE HE LEAVES AND HAS SOME HOPES THAT  
REVOCATION DECISION WILL BE REVERSED SINCE APPARENTLY  
TOWN PLANNERS COULD ALTER THEIR DESIGN AND AVOID  
TAKING THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF PROPERTY.

3. ROSEN RETURNED ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO FROM ISRAEL WHERE  
HE SAYS HE FOUND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING ALLON  
ANXIOUS TO BE OF HELP TO ROSEN AND JEWISH COMMUNITY  
IN EARTHQUAKE AFTERMATH. SUBJECT OF EMIGRATION WAS  
NOT A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF THEIRS AND IN FACT FOR FIRST  
TIME HE HAS BEEN ASSURED OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT  
SUPPORT IN FINDING SEVERAL RABBIS TO WORK IN  
ROMANIA. ROSEN SAYS HE HAS HAD ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT  
PERMISSION TO BRING FOREIGN RABBIS HERE SINCE MID-  
SIXTIES BUT UP TO NOW HAD ALWAYS ENCOUNTERED ISRAELI  
GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION.

4. HE WILL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING YOUR APPRECIATION  
OF AMERICAN-EASTERN EUROPE, INCLUDING USSR, RELATIONS  
AS WELL AS YOUR ESTIMATES REGARDING MFN RENEWAL.  
HOPE YOU CAN ARRANGE TO SEE HIM.  
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